

shall set forth the reasons for the denial. Any person whose request for information has been denied may appeal from such determination in accordance with the provisions of § 706.27 of this part.

**§ 706.25 Extension of time.**

Although the Corporation will make every effort to respond to an initial request for disclosure of information within ten working days, there may be delays because of the Corporation's limited staff. Moreover, in certain circumstances the period of time within which the Corporation will respond to an initial request will be extended by an additional ten working days. Circumstances which would necessitate such an extension include the following:

(a) The need to search for and collect requested records from storage facilities located outside Corporation premises;

(b) The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request;

(c) The need for consultation with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request, or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject-matter interest therein; or

(d) The need to notify the submitter of confidential business information of the request and to allow a reasonable period for objection to disclosure per § 706.31 of this part.

It is the practice of the Corporation to inform a requester in writing or by telephone of any anticipated delays.

**§ 706.26 Fees.**

(a) *General policy.* A fee representing direct costs shall be charged for services rendered by the Corporation under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) in furnishing information to members of the public, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of this section and as required or permitted by law.

(b) *Anticipated fees.* A letter requesting a document or information should specifically state that all costs chargeable under this section will be paid or, alternatively that they will be paid up

to a specified limit. If the letter makes no reference to anticipated fees, and the request is expected to involve fees in excess of \$25, or it is estimated by the Corporation that the fee will exceed the dollar limit specified in the request, the Corporation will notify the requester of the estimated fee promptly upon receipt of the request. The request will not be deemed to have been received until the Corporation receives a reply from the requester stating its willingness to pay the estimated fee.

(c) *Uniform fee schedule.* Fees will be charged in accordance with the category of the requester and as specified below. All photocopying costs will be assessed at the rate of \$0.15 per page.

(1) *Commercial use requesters.* "Commercial use requesters," as that term is defined in § 706.13 of this part, will be charged the direct cost of all time spent searching for and reviewing for release the records requested. Search costs are \$13 per hour. Review costs are \$33 per hour. Search and review costs will be assessed even though no records may be found or, after review, there is no disclosure of records. All pages photocopied will be assessed at the rate set out above.

(2) *Educational and non-commercial scientific institution requesters.* The Corporation will provide records to "educational institutions" or "non-commercial scientific institutions," as those terms are defined in § 706.13 (b)(7) and (b)(9) of this part, for the cost of reproduction alone. No fee will be charged for the costs of photocopying the first 100 pages of documents encompassed by a request. The fee for all pages photocopied will be assessed at the rate set out above. To be eligible for inclusion in this category, requesters must show that the request is being made under the auspices of a qualifying "educational institution" or "non-commercial scientific institution" and that the records are sought in furtherance of scholarly (if the request is from an educational institution) or scientific (if the request is from a non-commercial scientific institution) research.

(3) *Representatives of the news media.* The Corporation shall provide records to "representatives of the news media," as that term is defined in